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Social Services Committee Meeting June 9, 2009

1. Call to Order: Chair Mark Moeller called the June 9, 2009 meeting of the Social Services Committee to order at 1:31 p.m. Committee members present were, Charles Brann, Joel Gunnlaugsson, and Ben Meyer. Department staff present were Roger Tepe, Bev Knutson, Doreen Weyenberg, Kay Englebert and Joanne Ator. Committee member Marc Savard was not in attendance.

2. Approve Agenda: Motion by Charles Brann, second by Joel Gunnlaugsson to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried.

3. Public Participation: There was no public participation.

4. Review and Approve Minutes of Social Services Committee Meeting. Motion by Ben Meyer, second by Charles Brann to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2009 1st Public Hearing on the 2010 Programs and Budget for the Department of Social Services and the Senior Resource Center and the regular meeting of the Social Services Committee. Motion carried.

5. Review and Approve Vouchers to be paid in May, 2009. Upon review and discussion, motion by Ben Meyer, second by Joel Gunnlaugsson to approve the vouchers as submitted and detailed below:

Social Services

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| Total Social Services expenditures submitted for approval | \$ 84,904.48 |
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Senior Resource Center

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| Total Senior Resource Center expenditures submitted for approval | \$ 13,783.88 |
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Total Expenditures for approval

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| | <u>\$ 98,688.36</u> |
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The motion carried unanimously.

6. Information: Foster Care Program – Diana Meenk, Foster Care Coordinator. Diana Meenk is part of the Children and Family Services Unit and is the Foster Care Coordinator. She gave a presentation to the Social Services Committee members. Currently there are 15 Foster Homes in Door County – six (6) in Southern Door, four (4) in Sturgeon Bay, four (4) in Gibraltar, and one (1) in Sevastopol; with a total of 18 licensed beds. Some of the homes are licensed for more than one bed. Of these homes, eight (8) of them are your traditional foster homes, four (4) are respite homes only, and three (3) homes are on "leave / regrouping" (and not currently available for placements). The foster parents have a variety of backgrounds ranging from teachers, homemakers, business people and county employees. When a child has to be placed into foster care, they are matched to a home and every effort is made to try to keep that

child in the same school district they are currently in. In 2011, the State will be mandating all foster parents to participate in training. The training is nine (9) modules and each module is three (3) hours long. They will have two (2) years to complete the training. There is a concern that there may be a loss of foster homes due to this mandate. This year at the Packer's Family Night, the Packer Association has reserved a section of seats to recognize Northeast Wisconsin's Foster Parents. As Foster Care Coordinator, Diana does put on three (3) events each year to recognize our foster parents. This group of foster parents is very positive, supportive of each other, very giving, and committed.

7. Information: 2010 Budget Process. Roger Tepe updated the Committee on the budget process since the May 19th meeting. He briefly commented on each of the bullets noted on the agenda, with a greater discussion on the New Personnel requests.

Roger will be talking with Kelly Hendee, Director of Human Resources, about the full time aging unit director. As of January 1, 2010, the plan is for Bev Knutson to become the full time aging unit director; and a new job description was created for that position. Roger also mentioned that the State does not want a single county ADRC. A conversation has started with Kewaunee County on a joint ADRC. There would be one director for the two county ADRC with at least one office in each county. As part of the ADRC office, we would need to incorporate Community Programs staff with developmental disabilities expertise. By year end, Kewaunee County will have closed all of their Algoma offices; which means that the Sturgeon Bay office would have to service Southern Door County. There may be a need to have a satellite office in Northern Door as well.

Roger also informed the Committee that the State has restored full funding to some programs and made smaller cuts to other programs. Progress is being made; and Roger will keep the Committee informed.

Roger will be meeting with Michael Serpe - County Administrator, Shirley Scalish – Director of Finance, and Kelly Hendee – Director of Human Resources to discuss the budget and the full time aging unit director.

No action was taken.

8. Information: Full – Time Supervisor at the Senior Resource Center. Roger updated the Committee on the progress made since the May 19th meeting. In the letter from GWAAR, there were five (5) items we are responsible for.

1. Demonstrating we have sufficient funding. Roger will be meeting with Kelly Hendee, Shirley Scalish, and Michael Serpe to discuss this.
2. Creating a job description for the full time aging unit director. This has been completed.
3. Submitting evidence that there is older adult (elders over the age of 60) participation. Minutes of every meeting where this is discussed and elders are present are being saved.
4. Submitting first piece of a corrective plan by August 1st, 2009.
5. 2010 – 2012 Aging Unit plan evidencing how it will be accomplished.

No action was taken.

9. Recurring Reports, Informational Only.

ADRC/Family Care: Roger Tepe is waiting for firm confirmation from the State, stating they will want a multi-county ADRC office versus a single county ADRC. As Roger mentioned in agenda item 7. Information: 2010 Budget Process, a conversation did take place with Kewaunee County regarding this issue. Roger presented the Committee with copies of an ADRC Readiness

Checklist for their viewing. In two years, every question on the checklist should have a “yes” answer to it.

Committee members Mark Moeller and Ben Meyer attended a recent Family Care meeting. Our seven (7) county group is moving forward and a Steering Committee was formed. A Search and Screen Committee was formed also for the hiring process. Joe Krebsbach, Director of Community Programs, and Roger Tepe will be coordinating educational sessions for members of the Social Services Committee and Community Programs Board, and eventually for the full County Board.

5311 Transportation Funding: Nothing new to report since the May 19th meeting.

The committee took no action.

10. Supervisor’s Reports, Program Units, Informational Only.

Adult Services. Bev Knutson informed the Committee that June 15th is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and she encouraged everyone to wear purple that day. Also taking place that day is a Senior Shred Fest at the Senior Resource Center. This event is being put on by the I-Team. Members from the I-Team, Police Chief Dan Trelka, and Connie Schuster from the Door County Sheriffs Department will be at the event for questions and answers. Funds from the Elder Abuse program will be used to offset the costs of this event.

Bev also shared results from two surveys that were sent out: Home Delivered Meals Customer Satisfaction Survey and Long Term Support Service Programs of Door County Department of Social Services Annual Consumer Survey for 2009.

Child and Family Services. Dori Weyenberg reported that the Children and Families Unit no longer has pagers, but new cell phones for “on call” purposes. This is due to a change made in the Sheriff’s Department. The Social Workers did have some concern about the cell phones – dead zones, poor reception, but everything is working out well. Dori also updated the Committee on the number of children placed in various homes / treatment facilities.

Economic Support. Joanne Ator informed the Committee that the W-2 Program had received additional funding for 2009; and Door County was 1 of 20 counties to receive this additional funding. This should relieve some pressure on the 2010 Budget.

After a two (2) week delay, on Monday, June 15th, the Badger Care+ Core Plan will be made available to adults without dependent children. This is the third (3rd) phase of the Badger Care+ plan. It is estimated that between 41,000 – 51,000 individuals will enroll statewide. This plan is different from the current Badger Care+ Plan. If the individual meets all of the qualifications of enrollment, coverage will start as of July 15, 2009. Individuals who are interested in the plan can apply on-line or call toll free to Madison. Local agencies, such as the Community Clinic, Job Center, Door County Memorial Hospital and Lynn Christenson at the Senior Resource Center can assist individuals with applying. Joanne indicated that she did contact Aurora Health as well. Joanne shared information from a report she received pertaining to large employers who do not offer insurance coverage to certain employees, and those employees are part of the Badger Care+ program.

Support Services. Kay Englebert reported to the Committee that the Auditors were here last week. They may be back by the end of this week.

The committee took no action on informational items presented.

11. Information: Director's Report. Roger Tepe informed the Committee members that the Property Committee approved the remodeling project for the exercise room at the Senior Resource Center.

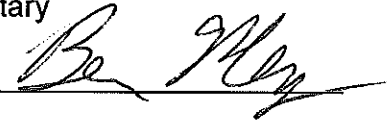
12. Set Next Meeting Date: The committee set its next monthly meeting for 1:30 p.m., July 14, 2009 at the Government Center in the Chambers Room. The final 2010 budget public hearing will be conducted at this same meeting.

13. Adjournment: Motion by Joel Gunnlaugsson, second by Ben Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 3:53 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Coulthurst
Recording Secretary

APPROVED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Meyer", written over a horizontal line.